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National Championship



Notice of Race



Howth Yacht Club
3rd to 5th September 2010

1. ORGANISATION & VENUE

- 1.1. Howth Yacht Club in association with Investwise is pleased to invite you to participate in the SB3 National Championships, which will be held on 3rd to 5th September 2010, in conjunction with SB3 Ireland and Howth Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Races shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the ISA, Laser SB3 Class Rules including SB3I Amendments, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2. The event is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulations.
- 2.3. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.4. Changes to this Notice of Race may be posted on <http://www.hyc.ie>.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The Organising Authority may require all participating yachts to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d) (i).

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Only registered boats of the Laser SB3 class whose owner or a joint owner or nominated representative of an organisation owning the Laser SB3 is a current Full Member and one person on board is either a Full Member or Associate member of the Class Association, can sail in the event. During registration each skipper will be required to show clear written evidence that the boat complies with the Class membership requirements
- 4.2. There shall be no changes in helmsperson for the duration of the event unless prior approval is given by the Race committee in recognition of wholly unavoidable circumstances. Any changes of helm or crew after registration for the event must be applied for in

writing and agreed by the Race Committee in writing, in advance of the change being made. In the event of helm or crew substitution during the event, should the total crew weight decrease by more than 15Kgs, the boat shall carry ballast in the form of water in clearly labelled containers below decks at the base of the mast such that the adjusted aggregate crew weight is not reduced by more than 15Kgs from the original total crew weight.

- 4.3. All competitors will be required to declare their ISAF sailor classification of helm and crew at registration. If you do not have an ISAF sailor classification, you can obtain one on www.isaf.org by filling out the online form. If you do not present a current ISAF classification at registration, you will be assumed to be a Group 3 sailor for the purpose of points scoring under the SB3I ranking rules.

5. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 5.1. Yachts and sailors may be subject to scrutiny before or after any race at the discretion of the event Race Committee, Event Measurer, SB3I Measurer and the SB3I Committee. An Event Measurer may inspect any yacht at any time, and competitors are requested to comply, as far as is reasonable and practical, with the Event Measurers requests, which may include the weighing of boats. Failure to do so may result in the protest of that yacht by the Event Measurer. Boats evidenced at the time of inspection to not comply with Class Rules will be liable to protest by the Event Measurer.
- 5.2. All yachts shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the current Class Rules and/or the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions, from the time of the first warning signal of the first race until returning alongside the marina following the final race of the series. Class rules C5.1(6)(iii) and C5.1(7) will not apply if the items have been removed whilst moored following racing for the purpose of refilling/charging only.
- 5.3. The Organising Authority may require competitors to affix bow numbers and/or sponsor stickers to both sides of the bow for the duration of the event.
- 5.4. Entrants will be required to sign a declaration at registration of compliance with all Class Rules and eligibility criteria.
- 5.5. Crews will be weighed at registration, the scales used will be deemed to be accurate for this purpose.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1. Competitors are encouraged to use the online entry system at www.hyc.ie. Alternatively, entries may be submitted using the enclosed entry form. Please make cheques payable to Howth Yacht Club.
- 6.2. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee, and all entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 6.3. Entries will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 27th August. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, and subject to the payment of an additional late entry fee of €50.
- 6.4. The entry fee is €180 per yacht, which also includes the following:
 - 6.4.1. Crane launching and retrieval, trailer parking and marina berthing for the duration of the event.
 - 6.4.2. Packed lunch for each crewmember on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - 6.4.3. Buffet dinner on Friday and Saturday at HYC.

7. SCORING

- 7.1. The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2. 8 races are scheduled, of which 4 shall constitute a series.
- 7.3. One score shall be discarded if 5 or more races are sailed.
- 7.4. The fleet will be divided into Gold, Silver and Bronze divisions following the conclusion of racing on day 2, based on a boats overall place at that time. Ribbons indicating the assigned division may be required to be flown by yachts from their backstays during the final days racing. The final overall placing of yachts from each division at the end of the regatta will be used to determine the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleet prizes. Overall series scores will not be affected.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACING EVENTS

Thursday 2nd September	17:00 – 19:00 Registration 17:00 – 21:00 Boat Lift-in
Friday 3rd September	09:00 – 11:00 Registration 08:00 – 11:30 Boat Lift-in 10:30 Event Briefing 13:00 Warning Signal Race 1 Race 2 ASAP after Race 1 Race 3 ASAP after Race 2
Saturday 4th September	11:00 Warning signal Race 4 Race 5 ASAP after Race 4 Race 6 ASAP after Race 5
Sunday 5th September	11:00 Warning signal Race 7 Race 8 ASAP after Race 7 Reserve if required ASAP after Race 8 No warning signal will be made after <i>approximately</i> 14:30 on 5th Sept. Lift out in order of distance travelled. Prize giving ASAP after racing.

- 8.1. The Race Committee reserve the right to alter the schedule of races as they see fit to ensure a sufficient number of races are completed

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available online before the start of the event. Copies will be available for collection at registration, and a copy will be displayed on the official notice board at Howth Yacht Club.
- 9.2. The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward – full details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES

- 10.1. Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.

11. RACE AREA

- 11.1. Races will be sailed in the waters to the North of Howth. The starting line may be up to four miles from the harbour. More information can be found at <http://www.hyc.ie/racearea/default.asp>

12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1. A boat shall not be hauled out during the Championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 12.2. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the Championship.

13. RACE RESULTS

- 13.1. Race results will be posted on the official notice-board after racing each day.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Protest procedure shall be in accordance with the ISAF RRS.
- 14.2. On-the-water jury will be utilised during the event, full details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

15. PRIZEGIVING & PRIZES

- 15.1. The presentation of trophies and prizes will take place as soon as possible following racing on Sunday 5th September, on the upper deck at Howth Yacht Club.
- 15.2. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats overall in each fleet will be awarded prizes.
- 15.3. 'Masters' (average crew age of 45+ yrs), 'First Lady Helm' and 'Youth' (all crew <25 yrs) prizes may also be awarded.

16. LAUNCHING, RECOVERING, BERTHING & MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.1. Launching will be provided as per the times outlined in the schedule, and is included in the entry fee. Space for trailer storage will be available in the compound at Howth Yacht Club during the event.
- 16.2. Marina berths will be available for boats for the duration of the event. Appropriate fenders and warps should be provided to adequately secure boats, which may be required to raft together.
- 16.3. Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as coach or support boats and may be required to be marked with identifying flags as issued by the Organising Authority. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay no less than 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the day until the last competing boat has finished that race.

17. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

17.1. There is a full social programme as follows:

Thursday 2nd September	Food available to purchase 19:00 Welcome Talk and free beer sponsored by Investwise.
Friday 3rd September	Immediately after racing: Beer barrel thanks to <i>Quinn's of Drumcondra</i> at the top of the marina walkway. 19:00 Buffet Dinner at HYC (included in entry)
Saturday 4th September	Immediately after racing: Beer barrel thanks to <i>Quinn's of Drumcondra</i> at the top of the marina walkway. 19:00 SB3I AGM, including FREE SB3I sponsored beer for all attendees. 20:00 SB3 Championship Buffet Dinner (included in entry). 21:00 Band and DJ until late.
Sunday 5th September	Food & drink available to purchase.

17.2. Competitors will be granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club from Thursday 2nd September to Sunday 5th September inclusive, subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

17.3. Additional tickets for the buffet dinners on Friday or Saturday night will be available to purchase from the HYC bar at a cost of €10 each. Partners and families welcomed!

17.4. The attention of all participants is drawn to the car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. These are rigidly enforced by the Harbour master.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.5. Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, SB3 Ireland and their officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the SB3 National Championship 2010, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. A skipper is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

18.INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of three million (3,000,000) euro per event or the equivalent.

19.FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information please contact:

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ENTRY FORM

Name of yacht	Sail Number	
Helm	SB3I Member?	Y / N
Crew 1	SB3I Member?	Y / N
Crew 2	SB3I Member?	Y / N
Crew 3	SB3I Member?	Y / N
Owner / Person in Charge		
Address		
Mobile Telephone		
Email Address		
Entry Fee enclosed:	€180 (€230 if received after 27 th August 2010)	
Method of Payment: Visa / MasterCard / Cash / Cheque		
Card no:	:	ccv:
Name:		

I agree to be bound by 'the rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the ISA, the Class Rules (where applicable) and the Sailing Instructions. I accept that the participation of the above named boat in the championship is at my sole and exclusive risk in every respect. By this entry I hereby indemnify Howth Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants, agents and sponsor(s) in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from the participation or intended participation of the above named boat in the Championship, and I acknowledge that Howth Yacht Club, and their officers, servants, agents and sponsor(s) accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property, vessel or equipment.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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